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“The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places.”

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THE RING CEREMONY: BROTHERHOOD ON DISPLAY



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One of the kick-off events of Hampden-Sydney’s annual Family Weekend, the Ring Ceremony, was held this past Friday, October 4th, 2024. At the ceremony, students receive their class rings, which according to Dean Richard Pantele, “symbolizes belonging [and]

identifies you as a man that belongs to our college.”

Every year, the rings are placed in The Birthplace overnight before the ceremony. Mrs. Cameron Cary, the college’s Director of College Events, explains this tradition as the rings being “exposed to the long and storied history of [Hampden-Sydney] and its

founders.” While in The Birthplace, the rings are blessed by Rev. M. Keith Leach ‘81. When the ceremony begins, the ringbearers walk the rings from the birthplace to the ceremony, while a pipe and drum lead the way.

What sets Hampden-Sydney’s ring ceremony apart from other schools is who gives the stu-

dents their rings. The students get to choose who presents their ring to them, instead of the college selecting an important figure to present all the rings. According to Mrs. Cary, this is done “to recognize the support system that plays a great role in the formation of ‘good men and good citizens.’” This practice makes

Family Weekend the perfect time to hold such an important ceremony.

Once the students receive their rings, they place them so that the rings are facing inward. Then, during graduation, the graduates remove and turn their rings to face outwards. Dean Pantele explains that from then on, the ring be-

comes a symbol of the graduate’s commitment to “carrying forth our mission into the broader world.” As the graduates enter the world, Dean Pantele says the ring “bonds you to all of the men that have graduated from this College, all the way back to the first class.”

DR. HILLEN LECTURE: FOREIGN POLICY AND THE 2024 ELECTION

CARTER SPAWN '25
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“Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth.” On the first of the month, Dr. John Hillen, a former Assistant Secretary of State and our Wheat Professor in Leadership, echoed Mike Tyson’s wise words in a lecture to the Hampden-Sydney Chapter of the Alexander Hamilton Society. However, Dr. Hillen was not giving his audience a boxing lesson, but rather a warning about the predictably unpredictable nature of foreign relations. In this article, I’ll go over Dr. Hillen’s main points and the criteria he proposes for analyzing the candidate’s stances on foreign policy in the 2024 election.

To put it plainly, the United States finds itself in a precari-

ous situation. At the end of World War Two our republic rebuilt much of the developed world in its image and to its benefit. This U.S.-led world order is threatened, and this election will be vital to taking the correct next steps needed to retain a global presence that serves the American people and overall national interest. America’s next president will be forced to adapt to the nuances of competition with the PRC, a power that is both a partner and rival, all while containing the exportation of Iran’s revolution and navigating yet another bloody ground war in Europe. While these issues don’t make easy campaign talking points, the question remains - if these policy issues are so important, why aren’t they talked about more?

Dr. Hillen gives us a

simple answer; foreign policy is “rarely key to the outcome of a presidential election,” so the candidates will not focus on that when they can promote their domestic agendas. These platforms are usually more palatable and make more sense to the everyday American voter. However, Americans do care about the issue (to varying degrees). It typically ranks about fourth or fifth place in issues important to voters each cycle. Still, regardless of the president’s feelings or the people’s level of care, foreign policy is almost always a dominant issue for a sitting president, no matter how domestically minded they are. Woodrow Wilson, a president who wanted nothing more to fix some domestic issues, expressed his belief that it would be “an irony of fate” if his administration

dealt primarily with foreign affairs. He shared this thought not long before his presidency turned almost immediately into one focused on international conflicts. How does this relate to the current election, though?

Just look at the presidential debates. When not discussing rally attendance or golf, the candidates spend the majority of the time on domestic issues. The foreign policy questions are typically left unanswered or have vague answers

with little explanation. Both Trump and Harris are vague about their foreign policy plans, and while there are the expected campaign promises and tough talk, these promises do not tell us that much about what

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ERRATA

In Issue CIV.2, September 19, 2024, the article titled “Porterfield Lectures” was mistakenly attributed to Owen Kahn ‘27. It was actu-

ally written by Matthew Misickowski ‘26. In the same issue, the article titled “Tailgating at H-SC: The First Step on a

occasion. I think it will take a while for most current tigers to catch on, but I hope my fellow pioneers in a renaissance of drip will continue to hold the line and encourage their compatriots. I am proud of Hampden-Sydney and its

Long Road” did not receive a proper continuation on the sixth page of that issue. That continuation, in its entirety, is located below.

traditions, and expressing pride in our school through our attire even as fashions change around us is one tradition I sincerely hope we do not lose sight of. See y’all next game day, Roll Tigers.

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THREE-POINTERS
FROM
MR. SHOTWELL

CARTER SHOTWELL
GUEST WRITER-COUNSELOR

Things are really heating up, aren't they? It feels like every time you turn around you've got another mid-term, another project, another paper due. Maybe you've struggled to keep up, and you received

a deficiency or two. Here's what to do.

Speak to your professor. For classes in which you were issued a deficiency, sit down with your professor during office hours to talk about your performance. Some questions you might ask:

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CLUB ALLOCATIONS
REPORT

Name of Club:	Money Requested:	Money Allocated:	Percent Allocated
Acousticals	\$ -	\$ -	
Alexander Hamilton Society	\$ 3,390.00	\$ 2,500.00	73.75%
Alpha Chi Sigma	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 350.00	34.83%
Airsoft Club	\$ 1,436.66	\$ 200.00	13.92%
Aniamal Rescue Club	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	30.00%
Animation Society	\$ 1,023.96	\$ 100.00	9.77%
Astronomy	\$ 2,028.00	\$ 300.00	14.79%
Brazilian JiuJitsu Club	\$ 446.16	\$ 250.00	56.03%
Catholic Campus Ministry	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 250.00	12.20%
Chi Alpha	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	62.50%
Chinese Culture Club	\$ -	\$ -	
Classics Club	\$ 2,591.50	\$ 500.00	19.29%
Club Golf Team	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	35.71%
Club Lacrosse	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Cogito	\$ 8,344.00	\$ 6,500.00	77.90%
College Activities Council	\$ 67,180.00	\$ 50,000.00	74.43%
Computer Repair Club	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.00%
Cycling Club	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	26.32%
Disc Golf Club	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 550.00	38.46%
Ducks Unlimited	\$ 12,079.00	\$ 5,000.00	41.39%
Film & Television Club	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 400.00	20.00%
Fly Fishing	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	42.86%
Gamet & Gray Club Baseball	\$ 3,117.99	\$ 3,117.99	100.00%
Golf Passes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	100.00%
History Club	\$ 900.00	\$ 500.00	55.56%
H-SC Lifting Club	\$ 12,074.00	\$ 3,000.00	24.85%
HSC Boaters Club	\$ 15,809.00	\$ 1,500.00	9.49%
HSC Democrats Club	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 500.00	22.22%
Intercollegiate Studies Institute at H-SC	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 250.00	19.61%
Mathematical Gaming Society	\$ -	\$ -	
Mentors Club	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	83.33%
Minority Student Union	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 3,000.00	55.56%
Muay Thai Club	\$ 700.00	\$ 300.00	42.86%
Music Production Performance Club	\$ 6,819.60	\$ 2,500.00	36.66%
Outsiders Club	\$ 6,194.00	\$ 1,000.00	16.14%
Phi Alpha Delta	\$ 5,336.00	\$ -	0.00%
Phi Beta Lambda	\$ 3,013.00	\$ 2,000.00	66.38%
Philosophy Club	\$ 3,572.00	\$ 2,400.00	67.19%
Physics Auto Club	\$ 8,308.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Pitmasters	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,400.00	46.67%
Pre-Law Society	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Programming Club (Computing Club)	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0.00%
Reenactment Club	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 200.00	12.50%
Rugby	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	13.33%
Senate	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 2,800.00	45.53%
Shooting Team	\$ 5,871.00	\$ 1,500.00	25.55%
Spanish Club	\$ 1,076.00	\$ 400.00	37.17%
The Gamet	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 200.00	8.00%
The Strategic Gaming Club	\$ 550.00	\$ -	0.00%
The Tiger	\$ 3,300.00	\$ -	0.00%
Tiger Athletic Club	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 2,750.00	23.91%
Tiger Radio	\$ 271.00	\$ 50.00	18.45%
Unity Alliance	\$ 2,985.00	\$ 1,500.00	50.25%
UPLS	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 300.00	7.59%
Winterball	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	100.00%
Young Americans for Freedom	\$ 1,506.60	\$ 300.00	19.91%
Young Life	\$ 5,540.00	\$ 4,000.00	72.20%

FALL 2024 ALLOCATIONS RUNDOWN:
FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

BRANDON FINCH '26
STAFF WRITER

Gentlemen of Hampden-Sydney, I want to begin by thanking you all for allowing me to serve as your Secretary-Treasurer this past allocations season. I am happy to announce that club funding for the fall semester was officially rolled out on September 30, so all allocated club funding is now at your club's disposal.

In the allocations process this year, there were several important factors that drove the decision making behind how much a club was allocated. These factors were namely how much money a club had in their account, how

many members a club had on their roster, how active these clubs were on campus, and how well club funding had been used in the past. If a club came before the Student Finance board after having spent a majority of the money in the club account, this club was more likely to get allocated an amount closer to their asking amount because the club leaders have shown that they are spending money as they told SFB they would. A club that has not used all of their money, depending on the amount remaining in the account, however, may be deemed to not need more money if their requested funding is less than or equal to the amount that

is already in the account. The goal at looking at remaining club balances, of course, is to ensure that previous allocations are being spent by clubs in accordance with their budgets. Looking at roster numbers for clubs is important because clubs that have more members often need more money in order to meet the needs of all their members. The activity of clubs is potentially the most important factor in allocations. A club or organization that hosts events weekly is more active than a club that meets once every other month. Therefore, more active clubs with a greater number of planned out events were allocated higher amounts of money. Lastly,

the way that a club chooses to use their funds is important. If a club is using their funding to better the community or give to charity, then that is a great use of club funding and will often be rewarded by receiving an allocated amount closer to that which the club requested. Additionally, funding that supports many members of a club and allows for a larger majority of club member participation is better than funding that may only benefits a handful of club members. The Student Finance Board, overall, wants to guarantee that club funding is being appropriately spent to benefit the club as a whole and the Hampden-Sydney community.

The total requested amount of money for allocations this semester was \$303,772.47. The amount that the Student Finance Board had to allocate this year was \$150,000, and every cent of that money went to a club or organization. As one may see, the requested amount for allocations was double the amount that the SFB had to allocate. Please take this fact into consideration when examining the amount of money that each club received. The following allocation amounts reflect the decisions of the Student Finance Board as a whole and were made with the factors listed above as guiding principles for allocations. This budget was approved by the Stu-

dent Senate as a way of enforcing checks and balances within student government.

Thank you to all club leaders who came to allocations this year. The speed at which allocations came out and the efficiency of the whole process is a direct reflection upon club leaders' preparedness. If you are a club executive and would like to meet with me about the amount your club was allocated, please feel free to email me @ finchb26@hsc.edu. I will be happy to answer any questions about the allocations process. Thank you again to all who came to fall 2024 allocations, and I look forward to meeting with you all again in the spring.

SPORTS

H-SC FOOTBALL:
THE NEW FATHER FIGURES TO GUILFORD COLLEGE



Photos courtesy of Joseph Carbone '28

ADAM BRAZIL '25
STAFF WRITER

Family and Friends Weekend was a success for your Hampden-Sydney Tiger Football team as they defeated Guilford College (NC) by a score of 31-0 to move to 3-1 on the season. The Tigers have now won three consecutive games and done so in convincing fashion. They're beating opponents by an average of 22 points per game. Translation: The Tigers are rolling.

After their first win of the season against Brevard College (NC) on September 14th, I sat down with Head Coach Vince Luvara and star QB Carter Sido. They were very much on the same page. Luvara said that "football is a series of 6 second plays" and it's "all about how quick you can get to the next one." This applies to the bigger picture too. Each practice, each possession, each quarter, each win, each loss, and each day is simply an

opportunity for improvement. "We're just trying to be better today than we were yesterday and better tomorrow than we were today," Luvara added. When asked about how the Tigers respond to a big win, Carter Sido said, "The same way we respond to a loss... forget it, move on." In regards to the daily approach of the team, Sido responded, "We're just trying to win tomorrow." The Garnet and Grey got off to a slow start on Saturday, leading just 7-0 at halftime.

However, the Tigers remained poised and eventually pulled away after the defense continued getting stops and the offense got rolling on the ground. They rushed for three touchdowns in the second half to push the lead from 7-0 to 28-0 before Elijah Swett kicked in a 36-yard field goal with 16 seconds left in the game to give us the final score: 31-0. Senior Linebacker Brendan Wallace had a standout day on Saturday, tallying a game-high and career-high 13

tackles to go along with a huge sack and 2 tackles for loss. In recognition of his stellar performance, Wallace was named ODAC Defensive Player of the Week. Junior Linebacker Eddie Allen also had a phenomenal day as he had a sack, a tackle for loss, two QB hurries, and a forced fumble. Junior S/LB Max Pickren, who had an interception and 7 tackles, said that Allen had "a legacy game." In addition to Pickren's pick, Freshman CB Parks Cromwell

snagged another interception later in the game. The freshman also forced a fumble. The Tigers' were dominant on the ground as they amassed 282 rushing yards compared to Guilford's 150. Sophomore RB Terry Hicks led the way with 97 yards and 2 touchdowns while QB Carter Sido added 78 yards and a TD. Freshman RB Kaelen Ferris posted 87 yards and Senior RB JT Diehl dealt 20 more. After the game,

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H-SC RUGBY TIES UVA
IN FIRST OF TWO GAME SERIES



Photos courtesy of Joseph Carbone '28

JOSEPH CARBONE '28
SPORTS WRITER

In a back-and-forth affair, your Hampden-Sydney rugby team came back with a last-second score to tie the game. Both teams had high-flying offenses and led throughout the game, but ultimately, neither could put the game away.

Both HSC and UVA came into the game short-manned, and your Tigers sustained several

injuries. However, that did not deter your Tigers from ending the game on a highlight. HSC plays a physically imposing, aggressive style of rugby that grinds the opposition down and allows them to capitalize on mistakes late in games. When it appeared that the Hoos had closed out the Tigers, HSC mounted a strong comeback, imposing their will onto the Hoos. Overall, the game was character-

ized by explosive gains that ground to a halt in the final yards from the Tri Zone (rugby's version of football's "end-zone"). Throughout the game, both the Tigers and the Hoos halted the opposing offenses through impressive defensive tackles and forced turnovers.

However, the HSC and UVA offenses played differently. UVA scored with explosive runs, while HSC capped off posses-

sions by punching through the Hoos' defense with sheer muscle and grit. The Tigers maintained this physical play by dominating the Hoos in rucks. (A ruck is a type of play where the offense can retain possession after a defensive tackle by laying on top of the ball carrier and pushing the defense away from the ball.) HSC was particularly dominant in rucks within ten yards of the Tri-Zone, often maintaining possession even after three

to four defensive tackles, which directly led to Tiger scores.

With UVA up in the game's final minutes, HSC's physical style of play paid dividends. The Hoos were visibly exhausted at the end of the game, and your Tigers took full advantage. After several drives deep into UVA territory, your Tigers punched in a game-tying score as time expired. While rugby does not enter an

overtime period, I'm confident that HSC would have won the game if it had.

Rugby travels to UVA on October 19th to finish their home-and-home series against the Hoos this season. While you can expect another high-scoring affair, your Tigers will continue to impose their will onto the game and hopefully finish with a victory. Roll Tigers!

LIFE

CHRISTIAN’S CORNER:
CHURCH

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STAFF WRITER

The last edition of the Christian’s Corner addressed the Christian responsibility to give, particularly in the form of tithing: “honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops” (Pro 3:9). Though I did not tell you how much to give or who you should give to, I aimed at merely the importance of deciding to give at all, particularly as a college student. Again, most young Christians might not consider tithing because of their financial situation or lack of initiative, but the word of our Lord calls us to give, as he gave his son.

In the same strain, there are other Christian behaviors that college students might opt out of because their unique situation as young students. For instance, a college student may be more likely to drop their devotion or alter dedicated praying time because of a flux of homework. This is the typical crux, time management. And unfortunately, one of the first things that seem to go for the college Christian is church on Sunday.

I understand the complexities in-

volved with going to church on Sunday. Attending church is not merely just a problem of time or fogginess from the previous night; rather, one must first choose a church and actually attend that church. What if you do not like the church your try out? What if the church has a massive congregation or a congregation of five? These are real fears no doubt, but they are fears that the enemy will employ to keep you out of church. Worse case scenario, you can simply try a different church the next weekend. We are blessed to live in a country, state, and county with an abundance of worship opportunities, use this to your advantage: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them” (Matt 18:20).

Another complexity that might make it difficult to find initiative to go to church is because you are already in a bible study, small group, or fellowship. You say when asked about attendance to church, “I went to Wednesday night group, and I read my devotion every morning.” Do not misunderstand me, these other means of worship are excellent ways to com-

mune with other Christians and develop your relationship with Christ, but something must be said for the bride: “Let us rejoice and exult and give him glory, for the marriage of the lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready” (Rev 19:7). In Scripture, the church is made up of “many members” with Christ as the head, the cornerstone. Thus, the church has been given an important role. But back to the issue, how do we define a church? Could a group of guys that meet every other week be a “church?” I am not sure I have the space or the resources to fully answer the question, but there does seem to be some scripture that might help. For instance, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16).

Regardless of what might specifically define “church,” I believe a Christian has an immeasurable amount to gain from attending a church regularly. The chance to join a community with Christians, young and old, while habitually worshiping God is paradise on Earth for the Christian. Go, be a part of paradise for an hour each week and be grateful this paradise is available to you. As always, I will be praying for you. If you have any questions, then feel free to reach me at mintonj25@hsc.edu.

TITLE IX GOLF TOURNEY:
GREAT GAME, EVEN BETTER CAUSE

MRS. ADRIENNE TRAYLOR
GUEST WRITER-PLANNER

This past weekend, **Hampden-Sydney College** hosted its second annual Student-Alumni 9 for IX Golf Tournament at The Manor Golf Club, uniting students, alumni, and supporters to raise awareness for sexual assault prevention, promote healthy relationships, and strengthen the College’s commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive campus environment for all. The event blended sportsmanship with a vital cause, making it a powerful platform for education and advocacy.

Before the tournament began, **Dr. Melissa Wood,**

The event was organized by the Office of Title IX, Access, and Inclusion, which leads the College’s initiatives to prevent sexual assault and promote values of consent, respect, and equality. **Title IX Prevention & Education Planner, Mrs. Adrienne Traylor,** who coordinated the day’s activities, emphasized the importance of education and awareness in the building of healthy relationships. The resources provided at the tournament highlighted the College’s commitment to ongoing prevention, education, and promoting a culture of respect.

A moving moment of the day came when

participants was palpable, with many engaging in conversations about the day’s mission. The event not only provided an opportunity for friendly competition, but also fostered a sense of unity and shared purpose. Seeing students, alumni, and community members come together for such an important cause was truly inspiring.

The following teams and individuals were recognized for their performance:

1st Place: William Shepardson, Alex Bott, Cole Pollard, Cody Carnes

2nd Place: Ben Covert, Isaac Miller-Bopp, Jase Howell, Jaxon Masterson



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Adrienne Traylor

Director of Title IX, Access, and Inclusion welcomed participants and emphasized the importance of the event. Wood articulated the College’s dedication to preventing sexual violence and the need for a collaborative approach to ensure the safety and well-being of all students. She highlighted that the tournament was not merely a sporting event, but a platform to engage the community in meaningful discussions about sexual assault prevention and the cultivation of healthy relationships.

Ms. Renae Man-castroppa, Hampden-Sydney staff member and survivor of sexual assault, courageously shared her story and the impact it has had on her life. Man-castroppa, who has experienced sexual violence multiple times, spoke about her journey toward healing and how men can take a role in prevention. Her emotional story resonated with the crowd, and her message of strength and healing reinforced the importance of the day’s mission.

As the tournament progressed, the camaraderie among

3rd Place: Ethan Casteel, Jacob McElligott, Darrell Cunningham

Closest to the Pin: John Brady

Longest Drive: Cole Pollard

While the tournament concluded with awards and recognition, the true focus remained on the cause. The 9 for IX Golf Tournament was an important step, but the work must continue. Keep having these conversations, keep educating ourselves and others, and never lose sight of the goal—a campus where every-

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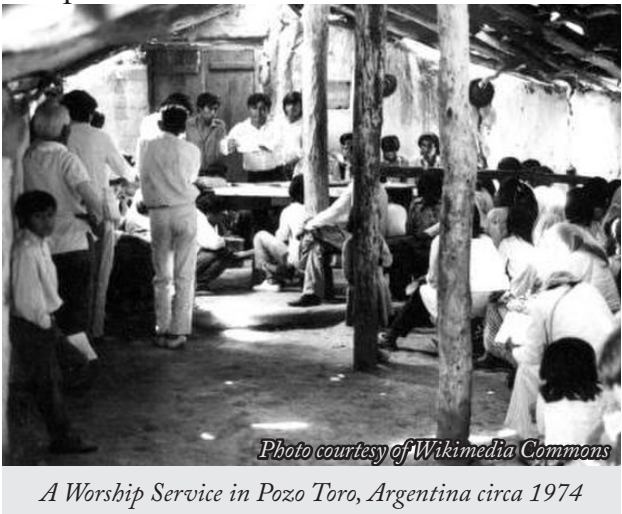


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A Worship Service in Pozo Toro, Argentina circa 1974

THREE-POINTERS. CONT

What patterns do you see in the ways I’m struggling? How would you recommend I study for your exams? Can I still turn in missed assignments or revise papers/exams to get some credit back?

Speak to your other professors. Not all professors report deficiencies. Nor can you always rely on Canvas to give you a good estimation of your grade, especially if your attendance/participation

grade is significantly higher than other categories like tests or quizzes. Find out where you stand in all of your classes. Your professors want to help you; you’re not bothering them when you go to office hours.

Speak to me! There are three Academic Counselors in the Office of Academic Success. We work with students on all sorts of issues, including motivation, procrastination,

organization, time management, study skills, note taking, or anything else that’s tripping you up. Students often find their performance improves after just a few meetings.

Mr. Shotwell works in the Office of Academic Success. If your scholastic game is off, he can help you get on track. Email cshotwell@hsc.edu to book an appointment.



THE PEANUT GALLERY

POINT/COUNTERPOINT!

SHOULD H-SC INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PARKING ON CAMPUS?

POINT: COST AND CITIZEN’S ASSEMBLY

LELAND BLANCHARD '27
STAFF WRITER

Almost all Hampden-Sydney men like to complain about parking on campus. Most students and faculty would agree that the existing parking spaces are inconvenient and too few. Luckily, there’s an obvious solution – build more parking! We could even expand the existing lots! However, those who support such solutions often fail to take into consideration what implementation would actually mean – most notably the cost.

How much would more parking cost? As it turns out, building individual spaces is rather expensive. *Strong-Towns.org* calculates that “a typical surface parking stall costs between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to construct (including the value of the

land it occupies).” Ok, let’s assume the administration goes ahead with building a new lot. Let’s crunch the numbers.

Because this is hypothetical, we can be conservative in our estimates. Because Hampden-Sydney already owns the land our theoretical lot will be built on, imagine that a new parking lot could be constructed on campus for no more than \$5,000 per space. If this theoretical lot were to have 25 spaces, it would cost \$125,000. That same methodology indicates that a 50-space lot would cost \$250,000. That’s a lot of money to put towards something we already have – money that would likely come from the students.

Students are capable of looking at a budget and evaluating whether or not something is feasible. Therefore, there

should be a concerted and collaborative effort on the part of the administration to solve the issue of parking on campus. Students, faculty, staff, and administration alike should all be involved in evaluating the best solution to combatting the issue of parking on Hampden-Sydney’s campus. I’m not asking for or suggesting a referendum or a forum, but rather a citizens’ assembly.

What is a citizens’ assembly? Set up like a jury, selected stakeholders (community members) congregate to evaluate and propose solutions to a policy issue or question. It’s like a hackathon for public policy (although participants in citizens’ assemblies are often not experts with regard to the subject in question). Bringing such a concept to solving the issue of parking on campus would be bold. It would set a new standard in the collegiate world.

However, such a solution would require several expectations to be met. For example, those selected to participate would have to come from a variety of backgrounds on campus. Like a jury, they could not be self-selected in order to provide a truly accurate representation of the student body. In addition,

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STAFF WRITER

The Hampden-Sydney TigerFund is a student-led investment fund that leverages market insights and valuation methodologies to manage a portion of the school’s endowment. As part of a member’s commitment to the fund, they are expected to conduct bottom-up fundamental and technical analysis when presenting investment opportunities. TigerFund’s structure allows for a flexible approach to markets, as opposed to similar student funds at similar institutions. The fund strives to outperform the market’s performance while maintaining an appropriate risk appetite.

A mix of uncertainty and expansionary monetary policy has dominated market sentiment. As inflation rates have demonstrated signs of stability, central banks worldwide have adjusted interest rates accordingly. Recently in the United States, the September Federal Reserve meeting saw a 50-basis point cut bringing the federal funds rate down to a range of 4.75-5%. Lower interest rates tend to benefit various sectors in the broader economy, with real estate, technology, financials, and consumer discretionary seeing especially increased performance. More recently, a surge in US job growth to 254,000 jobs created in September—

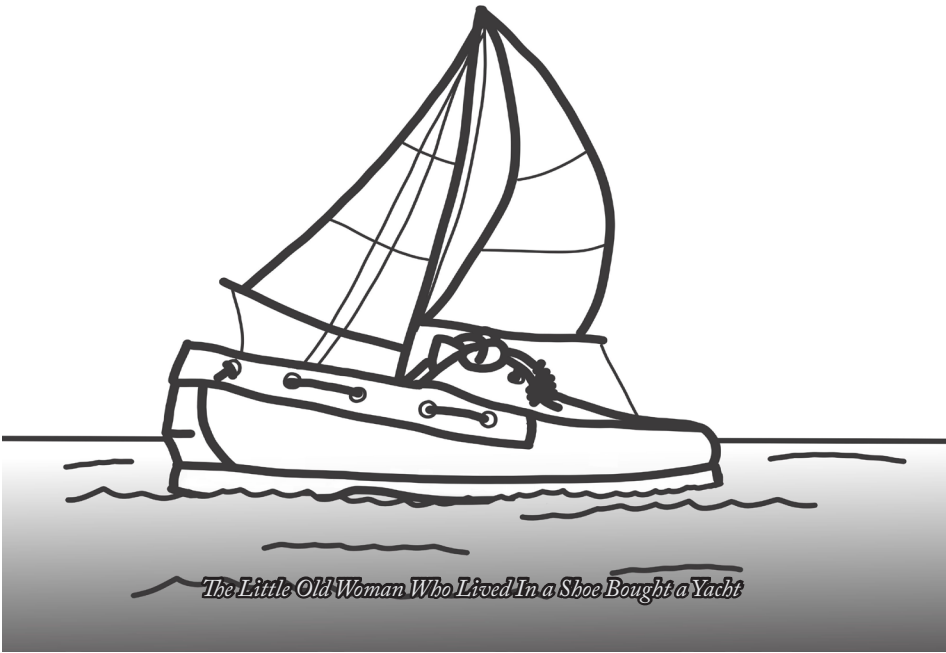
up from 142,000 in August—has counteracted suggestions of another large, fed rate cut in favor of more conservative action, a 25-basis point cut.

Geopolitical tensions in areas such as the Middle East, particularly in the Israel-Palestine conflict have presented an opportunity for both risk-on and risk-off strategy. More specifically, the market volatility brought by such conflict has resulted in a sell-off in regional stock markets. Additionally, worries about supply chain disruptions have resulted in significantly increased oil prices, presenting unique opportunities for other sources of energy

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Cartoon

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NEXT ISSUE’S POINT/COUNTER- POINT QUESTION: SHOULD MORE MONEY BE PUT TOWARDS CLUB ALLOCATIONS?

TIGER TALES

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“The time is now six o’clock a.m. All citizens will awaken and begin their daily routines.”

As the mechanical voice droned on and the bulb on the ceiling blinked rapidly, flooding his room with short bursts of red light, Darren rolled over in his bed and groaned into his pillow. Another lousy morning, he thought. He wished he could go back in time and tell whoever invented the lousy computer program what a terrible mistake they were making.

Darren had only been five years old when U.L.T.R.A.—the Urban Restructuring, Transformation, and Logistics Administrator—artificial intelligence system had been installed in his city, but as he grew up, he had watched it become more and more tyrannical, all in the name of “public safety”. Originally, its purpose had been to arrange the city’s infrastructure, but it had quickly overstepped its bounds. Soon enough, it had decided to take full control of the entire city, and ever since then there had been no stopping it. The city’s population

URBANICIDE: PART ONE



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now spent most of their days cowering in fear and trying to appease its demands.

As if Darren merely thinking about it too hard had sum-

moned it, U.L.T.R.A. pumped its voice into his room again: “The time is now six-oh-five o’clock a.m. All citizens will awaken and begin their daily routines.”

With that, the shutters on the bedroom’s square window swung open, and light began to stream through the glass. Darren flung his bedsheets off his body and dragged himself upright. As he dressed himself and got ready for the day, U.L.T.R.A. chimed in with a “gentle reminder” to hurry up whenever it assumed he might be slacking. Any other day, Darren would have become frustrated, but today he found that he could forgive being micro-managed somewhat. After all, this was a significant day: Darren and all the other students in his school’s se-

nior class had graduated, and today they would each be assigned a career.

Fortunately for Darren, he was able to catch the last morning bus as it passed through his stop, and he rushed into the school’s spacious auditorium only slightly out of breath. He found his seat just as the lights dimmed and the morning’s program began.

The next one-and-a-half hours passed by relatively uneventfully. U.L.T.R.A. gave a long speech, attempting to convince the gathered

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Carter Sido said, “The O-Line created a lot of holes, Terry ran great, Ferris, our freshman running back, ran fantastic, and it was a good team win!” The Tigers are 3-1 in the Vince Luvara Era, 1-0 in the ODAC, and only getting better. They will play away at W&L and Ferrum the next two weekends before returning home on October 26th to play Averett on Homecoming Weekend. When asked what’s next for the Tigers, Sido said: “We got Washington and Lee next week, but right now, we’re just focused on tomorrow’s practice.”

TITLE IX GOLF, CONT

one is safe, valued, and respected.” The Student- Alumni 9 for IX Golf Tournament successfully raised funds for critical prevention and education programs while amplifying the need for continued efforts to promote healthy

POINT, CONT

we’d have to come to table in good faith – open to looking at every option and, following the conclusion of the citizens’ assembly, to accepting the result. Parking isn’t really a complex issue. Almost everyone on campus would agree that Hampden-Sydney needs

- 3 Interesting Stats**
1. The Tiger defense allowed 0 points on Saturday. It was their first shutout since the COVID season, which took place in the Spring of 2021. Way to go, defense.
 2. WR Ethan Dowdy leads the ODAC in receiving touchdowns with 7. The next closest guy has just 4. Dowdy added 65 yards and another TD this past weekend against Guilford.
 3. Despite being just a sophomore, RB Terry Hicks leads the ODAC in rush yards per game with 111.3. The next closest guy averages just under 91 yards per game.

relationships and to foster a respectful and inclusive campus environment. Organizers hope the event will inspire future involvement and reinforce the message that every individual has a role to play in promoting safety and equality.

more. However, the solutions in question have complex implications, not just limited to costs. A citizens’ assembly, composed of students, faculty, and administration, would be an opportunity for our school to set a new standard in collegiate problem solving.

crowd that it was “an auspicious day”, or that they should be “proud of themselves for serving their city”. Even so, all the young men and women had long ago completely disabused themselves of any notion that their city’s career system was in any way revolutionary. They would be working for pay, the benefits of which they could enjoy during

the candidate’s policies will look like, especially in the constantly changing global environment. To remedy this, Dr. Hillen gives us seven things to look at as a way to “read the tea leaves” of a candidate’s potential foreign policy.

1. Explore the candidate’s political philosophy and worldview a. Where do they fall ideologically?
2. Analyze their track record

such as natural gas. Advances in chip-based technology have prompted the growth of companies such as Intel, NVIDIA, etc., and have allowed them to gain an increasing share of the market. For investors looking to add value companies to their portfolio, this trend has presented a clear opportunity. As the year nears

their scheduled leisure hours, but they all knew that they were only being enrolled in an indentured servitude with no end in sight. Eventually, the A.I. cut itself off as soon as it deemed it proper to do so, and the graduates formed themselves into a line down the middle row of the auditorium. One by one, they approached a voice box set into the

- a. Look at Trump 2017-2021 and Harris as part of the Biden administration since 2021
3. Study campaign pronouncements a. Rhetoric or style v. realistic policy
- b. Statements on Israel, Ukraine, and China
4. Worldview and philosophy of their advisors a. Harder to read with Trump - does he even listen to them?
- b. Harris has well-published

TIGERFUND, CONT

its end, the Tiger-Fund will continue to appropriately balance its portfolio to outperform the market, while mitigating market volatility. The continued growth of small-cap securities, foreign exposure, and select domestic sectors will support the fund’s continued mission of sustainably growing our assets under management while pro-

wall, waiting to receive their assigned job. Darren slowly inched his way to the front, hoping he wouldn’t get one of the bad jobs. It may have just been his imagination, but Darren thought that U.L.T.R.A. paused for a few seconds more before announcing his career than it had for any of the other students. Nevertheless,

- and long-standing advisors
5. Party platform and politics a. Pressure from “factions and wings” is likely to be more impactful than a simple platform
6. Gauge candidates instincts a. Temperament and “action logic”
7. Weigh the options of the experts a. What is being said in current journals or published by analysts? While these options may not paint the

it spoke again before too long, though as soon as it did, Darren wished it hadn’t. The A.I.’s monotone conveyed only two words, and yet Darren could hardly imagine two words he would have been less excited to hear.

“Sanitation division,” it said, entirely emotionlessly.

entire picture, we hope they will help you make a more informed vote when you fill out your ballot in November. To see Dr. Hillen’s whole presentation or to get more involved with the foreign policy and national security side of campus, reach out to the Alexander Hamilton Society and its members.



The Hampden-Sydney Tiger Staff, circa 1979. Courtesy: the Kaleidoscope

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